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SUBJ: AUGUST 1 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF LIBYAN DANGER AND RESTRICTED
ZONES

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1. CONTINUING FRENCH OPPOSITION PREVENTED AGREEMENT AT
AUGUST 1 COUNCIL MEETING ON METHOD FOR HANDLING DISAGREED PARA-
GRAPH ON LIBYAN DANGER/RESTRICTED ZONES IN SPRING 1973 REPORT
ON MEDITERRANEAN. ON INSTRUCTIONS, FRENCH PERMREP (DE ROSE)
ADVISED THAT PARIS WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUGGESTION MADE BY
SYG LUNS AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL) THAT FRENCH POSITION
BE COVERED IN FOOTNOTE TO PARAGRAPH 63. DE ROSE EXPLAINED THAT
THIS WOULD BE INACCURATE BECAUSE, IN FACT, PARIS AGREED WITH
CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPH. WHAT PARIS COULD NOT DO, HE SAID, WAS
TO AGREE TO PAPER SUMMARIZING THIS ALLIED CONSENSUS,
AN ACT WHICH DE ROSE IMPLIED MIGHT BET BACK TO LARG
DESPITE FACT THAT PAPER CLASSIFIED NATO SECRET.

2. ITALIAN PERMREP (CATALANO) EXPRESSED REGRET OVER
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FRENCH POSITION, WHICH HE SAID WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND
SINCE NO COMMON DEMARCHE ON LARG WAS SUGGESTED IN REVISED
TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 63 PROPOSED BY IS. CATALANO AGREED WITH
OBSERVATION OF ASYG PANSA THAT FRENCH POSITION LEFT ALLIES

IN IMPASSE AND SAID HE HAD NO SUGGESTIONS AS TO FURTHER STEPS.

3. UK REP (THOMSON) SAID LONDON, WHILE NOT TOO PLEASED WITH TEXT PROPOSED BY IS, BELIEVED TEXT COULD BE IMPROVED BY ADDING "IN PRINCIPLE" IN FIRST SENTENCE AS PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL. HE ADDED THAT LONDON BELIEVED LITTLE WOULD BE GAINED FROM ENCOURAGING LARG TO CHANGE "ILLEGAL RESTRICTED ZONE" INTO "LEGAL DANGER ZONE" AND SUGGESTED THAT THIRD SENTENCE OF IS TEXT BE REVISED TO DROP IDEA OF CONVERSION INTO DANGER ZONE. THOMSON ALSO CLARIFIED THAT UK MAINTAINED DANGER ZONE OFF MALTA, NOT RESTRICTED ZONE AS UK PERMREP STATED AT JULY 25 MEETING.

4. COMMENT: THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO ASYG PANSA'S SUGGESTION THAT COUNCIL RETURN TO SUBJECT AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING, BUT POSITION TAKEN BY FRENCH AT TODAY'S MEETING LEAVES LITTLE HOPE THAT CONSENSUS CAN BE FOUND ON ANY FORMULATION COVERING LARG RESTRICTED/DANGER ZONES. RUMSFELD

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